

(b) four expandable corners coupled to said four corner areas, respectively; and,

(c) handle means formed in a respective one of said four expandable corners from which said geometrically-shaped planar substrate is adapted to be lifted, said handle means comprising: oblong apertures wherein a respective oblong aperture is formed in a respective one of said four expandable corners, each corner area of said four corner areas of said geometrically-shaped planar substrate has formed therein a triangularly-shaped notch having an apex located a distance from an edge of said geometrically-shaped planar substrate; and,

wherein each expandable corner of said four expandable corners comprises a pleated flexible member expandable greater than said triangularly-shaped notch, wherein said pleated flexible member has formed therein said respective oblong aperture and wherein a center of a longitudinal length of said oblong aperture is substantially aligned with said apex.

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4. (Amended) The mat of CLAIM 1 [3], wherein said geometrically-shaped planar substrate is rectangularly shaped and said triangularly-shaped notch is an acute angle notch having one leg perpendicular to a short edge of said geometrically-shaped planar substrate.

5. (Amended) The mat of CLAIM 1 [2], wherein said geometrically-shaped planar substrate is made of flexible and waterproof material.

6. (Amended) The mat of CLAIM 1 [2], wherein said geometrically-shaped planar substrate is made of tarpaulin material.

7. (Amended) The mat of CLAIM 1 [2], wherein each corner area of said four corner areas of said geometrically-shaped planar substrate has formed therein a triangularly-shaped notch having an apex a distance from an edge of said geometrically-shaped planar substrate wherein said apex of said triangularly-shaped notch of said each corner area of said four corner areas is adapted to create a folding point and wherein pairs of said apexes form folding lines.

16. (Amended) A method of mixing using a flexible mixing mat comprising a geometrically-shaped planar substrate having four corner areas; four expandable corners coupled to said four corner areas, respectively; and, handle means formed in a respective one of said four expandable corners and comprising oblong apertures wherein a respective oblong aperture is formed in a respective one of said four expandable corners, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) placing a given amount of a first ingredient of a mixture substantially in a center of said geometrically-shaped planar substrate;

(b) adding a given amount of a second ingredient to said first ingredient to create a mixture, said first ingredient being a dry pre-blended cement composition, and, said second ingredient being water, said mixture being a slurry and said mixed mixture being

cement;

(c) lifting said geometrically-shaped planar substrate by said handle means of each expandable corner, said lifting step further comprising the steps of:

(c1) securing a first pair of said four expandable corners by a first respective pair of said oblong apertures; and,

(c2) securing a second pair of said oblong apertures and lifting said geometrically-shaped planar substrate; [and,]

(d) agitating said geometrically-shaped planar substrate until substantially said mixture of said first and second ingredients is substantially dissolved or homogenous forming a mixed mixture; and,

(e) tilting said geometrically-shaped planar substrate and pouring the mixed substance.

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19. (Amended) The method of CLAIM 16 [18], wherein said step of (d) includes the steps of:

(d1) rolling said slurry from one end of said geometrically-shaped planar substrate to another end thereof by lifting said one end above said another end; and,

(d2) rolling said slurry by rotating at least a pair of said four expandable corners from one side of said geometrically-shaped planar substrate to another side thereof.

20. (Amended) The method of CLAIM 16 [18], wherein said step of (c) comprises the step of:

(c1) lifting said geometrically-shaped planar substrate approximately waist-high.